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to reduce the adverse effect of import of edible on domestic price of edible oils and to protect the interests of palm growers.

Training of sniffer dogs

3797. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to locate the people below the debris in the recent disastrous earthquake in Gujarat, sniffer dogs came from abroad; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to train sniffer dogs in the country, to be used in such times of need?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Ministry of Agriculture has no such proposal.

Approach paper on food processing industry

3798. SHRI R. S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the approach paper on food processing industry;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to rationalise the tax structure for food processing industries;

(c) whether it is a fact that the food processing industry is presently under-utilising its installed capacity;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the measures adopted for full utilisation of the installed capacity?